## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a color image forming apparatus in which images of a plurality of element colors are sequentially transferred to form a color image, there are provided a plurality of RAM/register units with respect to one image processing unit. Control information is previously stored in the RAM/register units, so that the switching of the element color to be transferred is achieved by switching the RAM/register units, not by rewriting the contents of the RAM/register unit. Thereby, simplification of constitution and high-speed printing can be achieved.